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SUBJ: KALININGRAD NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

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1. ON JANUARY 22 TELEVISION PROGRAM INCORPORATING  
"ECONOMIC MAGAZINE" FORMAT, STATE SECRETARY IN THE  
ECONOMICS MINISTRY ROHWEDDER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD OF THE PREUSSEN POWER AND ELECTRIC CONCERN  
KELTSCH WERE INTERVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH A SPECIAL  
REPORT ON THE PLANNED NUCLEAR FACILITY IN KALININGRAD.  
ROHWEDDER CLAIMED ONCE AGAIN THAT THE SOVIETS STILL OWE  
THE FRG AN ANSWER ON THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL TO LINK WEST  
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BERLIN TO THE REST OF THE FRG BY A POWER LINE WHICH

WOULD PASS FROM THE USSR THROUGH WEST BERLIN TO THE WEST GERMAN BORDER. KELTSCH, ON THE OTHER HAND, WHO HAS BEEN THE CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR THE WEST GERMAN SIDE ON THIS PROJECT, ADMITTED THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE NO CHANCE OF REALIZING THE PROJECT AS ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED. KELTSCH'S STATEMENT IS MORE IN ACCORD WITH REPORTS FROM BONN GROUP OFFICIALS AND OTHER FONMIN SOURCES.

2. OF PERHAPS MORE INTEREST THAN THE ROHWEDDER OR KELTSCH STATEMENTS WAS THE REFERENCE BY THE TELEVISION REPORTER TO A NEW PLAN PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET UNION. THE DETAILS OF THIS PLAN, WHICH WERE SURFACED BY THE NEWSCASTER, CORRESPOND EXACTLY TO THE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY EMBOFFS FROM FONMIN AND BONN GROUP OFFICIALS (REFTELS). ONE PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED DETAIL INDICATED THAT THE POWER LINE WOULD PASS 30 KM NORTH OF BERLIN AND TURN SOUTHWEST TOWARD THE WEST GERMAN BORDER AT MAGDEBURG. THE REPORT OFFERED NO SOURCE FOR ITS INFORMATION, MERELY INDICATING THAT IT HAD LEAKED OUT.

3. COMMENT: CONTRARY TO ROHWEDDER'S STATEMENT, IT NOW SEEMS QUITE APPARENT THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE ORIGINAL PROJECT IS DEAD AND THAT THE FRG SHOULD TURN ITS ATTENTION TO A SUBSTITUTE PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD SUPPLY BERLIN INDIRECTLY BY MEANS OF A SPUR FROM THE MAIN POWER LINE. ROHWEDDER'S INSISTENCE ON AN ANSWER FROM THE SOVIETS MAY BE INTENDED TO PLACE THE SOVIETS IN AN AWKWARD POSITION, AS THEY PROPOSED THE PROJECT IN THE FIRST PLACE. THE SOVIETS NOW HAVE TO HOPE THAT THE FRG'S ECONOMIC INTEREST IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NUCLEAR FACILITY WILL OVERTAKE FRG POLITICAL OBJECTIONS TO THE POWER LINE BYPASSING BERLIN.

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